



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 6916**

LCO No. 1797

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
REP. NOUJAIM, 74th Dist.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF GROUP HOMES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1        That the general statutes be amended to provide that, prior to any  
2        state purchase of any group home, including, but not limited to, any  
3        group home operated by the Departments of Mental Retardation,  
4        Mental Health and Addiction Services or Children and Families, the  
5        state shall: (1) Provide notification of the proposed sale to abutting  
6        residential property owners and officials of the municipality where the  
7        group home will be sited; (2) not be required to pay a purchase price  
8        that exceeds the median home price in the geographic area, as  
9        determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban  
10       Development; (3) require the state agency responsible for licensing the  
11       group home to conduct relicensing inspections, which shall include a  
12       notice and comment period for abutting property owners; (4) create a  
13       master registry of group homes to ensure compliance with the  
14       provisions of section 8-3f of the general statutes; (5) allow abutting  
15       residential property owners to petition the appropriate state agency to  
16       revoke the license of any group home without first obtaining approval  
17       of the legislative body of the municipality in which the group home is

18 sited; (6) provide for an independent review of all petitions to revoke  
19 group home licenses; and (7) designate group homes as quasi-public  
20 agencies for purposes of the Freedom of Information Act.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide for increased regulation of group homes.